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DAIFUKU

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1. DAIFUKU CALLED SEPARATELY ON A/DCM AND ON AID DIRECTOR
DECEMBER 10, ACCOMPANIED BY UNESCO KARACHI REP OVERTON,
CHAIRMAN OF MOENJODARO AUTHORITY MEMON, AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF MFA AND EDUCATION MINISTRY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE
RECENTLY-CONCLUDED MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
MOENJODARO HAD RECOMMENDED A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS
TO THE PLAN FOR LOWERING THE WATER TABLE AT THE SITE,
WHICH WOULD BE STUDIED BY THE GOP AUTHORITIES CONCERNED
(WAPDA). THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE FULL PROGRAM FOR
SAFEGUARDING MOENJODARO, INCLUDING DESALINIZATION AND
FLOOD PROTECTION COMPONENTS, HAS RISEN TO \$13-14 MILLION.
UNESCO INVOLVEMENT IS CONTINGENT ON THEIR BEING
AT LEAST \$3 MILLION IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. TO
DATE, PLEDGES OF ABOUT \$500,000 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED,
INCLUDING A PLEDGE OF DM 1 MILLKBN FROM THE FRG AND
SMALLER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAQ, EGYPT AND ONE OR TWO
OTHER COUNTRIES. FURTHER EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE WITH
PRIVATE GROUPS AND WITH VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES. THE
PAKISTAN BUDGET FOR FY/77 INCLUDES ABOUT \$300,000
EQUIVALENT FOR THE PROJECT.

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2. DAIFUKU EXPLAINED THAT THE USG CONTRIBUTION HAS IN

THE PAST BEEN A CRITICAL CATALYST FOR OBTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS. RECOGNIZING THAT THE OBSTACLE TO A USG CONTRIBUTION AT THIS POINT WAS THE CASE AMENDMENT, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE NAIROBI GENERAL CONFERENCE WOULD PERMIT THE USG TO PARTICIPATE. A/DCM AND AID DIRECTOR CONFIRMED THAT OUR INSTRUCTIONS HAD NOT CHANGED SINCE DAIFUKU'S CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON LAST SPRING. IN THE CONVERSATION WITH AID DIRECTOR DAIFUKU ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUALLY EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF UNESCO ACTIVITIES TO ANTIQUITIES BEYOND MOENJODARO.

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